

WEATHER: Tuesday, Tuesday night and Wednesday, a good chance of rain and thundershowers along with areas of drizzle and fog. High Tuesday and Wednesday, in the mid to upper 40s. Brisk east wind 15 to 25 mph tomorrow. Low tomorrow night in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Eighty percent chance of rain.

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Mortar Board members gear up for the initiation of new members into the club and the "tapping ceremony." New members were told of their acceptance to the organization Monday and then went through Mortar Board ceremonies.

St. Patrick wasn't Irish, nor is green beer, student says

By Jane Hirt
 Staff Reporter

Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day with green clothes, green shamrocks and green beer.

But UNL student Gerard O'Callaghan from County Cork, Ireland, says, "St. Patrick's Day in Ireland is just like a Sunday, only there's a parade."

O'Callaghan said St. Patrick's day in Ireland isn't as big of a deal as in the United States.

"Americans over-commercialize the whole thing," he said. "They really play it up."

He said people wear shamrocks on their shirts, but they don't wear a lot of green. O'Callaghan said St. Patrick's Day is a holy day in Ireland, which obliges Roman Catholics to attend Mass. He said that children get out of school on St. Patrick's Day, as on all holy days.

"The closest American holiday that it can be compared to is Thanksgiving," he said. "There is a big dinner and parades in the larger

cities like Dublin, Cork and Limerick, with foreign bands and dancers."

He said there are many sporting events on St. Patrick's Day, including rugby, soccer and traditional Irish sports like hurling (which is like croquet) and Gaelic football (which is similar to Australian football).

O'Callaghan is from the autonomous Irish Republic, where he said 95 percent of the population is Catholic.

He said that he is sure St. Patrick's Day is not celebrated by the Protestants in Northern Ireland, "but I also don't know any Protestants," he said.

O'Callaghan said that the only special thing he does for St. Patrick's Day is to go to the bars with his friends. However, he said, he had never heard of green beer until he came to the United States.

"Erin go Bragh" is a Gaelic phrase for "Ireland forever," O'Callaghan said. Although most people speak English, he said children must learn Gaelic in school.

O'Callaghan said the legend of St. Patrick is also taught in school and most Irish know it.

O'Callaghan said St. Patrick wasn't Irish. He was a shepherd that came to Ireland on a boat. The legend says he banished all the snakes.

"But I don't think there were any snakes in Ireland to begin with," O'Callaghan said.

O'Callaghan, 23, is a UNL graduate student working for a master's degree in business. He came to UNL as a freshman on a track scholarship and graduated in 1986 with a degree in finance and French. He also is a graduate assistant in track and helps with recruiting and distance runners.

Some American stereotypes of the Irish are false, O'Callaghan said. For instance, he said, not all Irish have red hair and drink green beer. O'Callaghan has dark hair and virtually no accent.

"And I don't know where they came up with the idea of leprechauns," he said.

Budget report

Ad hoc group agrees with two cuts

By Lise Olsen
 Associate News Editor

The results of a month's work by a group of budget-scrutinizing students, faculty and administrators has been released to the public.

The report, submitted by the Ad Hoc Budget Reduction Review Committee to Chancellor Martin Massengale on Feb. 26, was labeled confidential and kept secret until late last week. NU President Ronald Roskens used the report to determine his final list of recommended cuts to the NU Board of Regents Saturday. Massengale said the secrecy was justified to minimize harm to the programs being examined by the committee.

The committee's recommendations, based on Roskens' original list of proposed cuts, differ little from his report to the regents Saturday.

Both include recommendations that the UNL athletic department be cut \$225,000 and the NU School for Technical Agriculture (administered by UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources) be eliminated.

Athletic cuts

The ad hoc committee recommended that \$165,000 be reduced from intervarsity athletics and \$60,000 more from the Bob Devaney Center, for a total of \$225,000 from the athletic department.

Roskens recommended a cut of \$525,000 for athletic-department programs at UNL and UNO at Saturday's meeting.

The budget committee noted that athletics "generates substantial income and good will for the institution . . . Given the alternatives, however, and given the fact that the athletic program has the opportunity to generate revenue from a variety of sources, the committee believes that a reduction of \$165,000 is possible."

The committee wrote that the sports center represents a unique problem because "it is used for activities, like commencement exercises, that are unrelated to athletics" and for state-fair activities.

UNSTA closing

The committee and Roskens agreed that UNSTA should be closed, even though it is the only nationally accredited institution of its type in the state and 90 percent of its graduates remain in Nebraska.

The committee wrote, "All such programs, however, are inherently costly and the physical isolation of the facility no doubt makes those costs more invisible than they might otherwise be . . . Nevertheless, it is clear to the committee that a vocational program like UNSTA is less essential to the mission of UNL and less significant for its future than other programs which might

be proposed as alternatives."

The committee wrote that Roskens should try to resist all reductions beyond UNSTA and athletics "as strongly as you can." However, if necessary, it included an additional \$111,000 reduction from the sports center (athletic department) budget.

No other cuts

The committee proposed no other cuts be endorsed for UNL.

But Saturday, Roskens also included a \$436,000 cut from the Division of Continuing Studies and \$65,000 from UNL's support services. (Roskens' recommendations also included closing the Lincoln division of the College of Nursing, administered by UNMC and not reviewed by the ad hoc committee, in addition to other recommendations for UNMC and UNO.)

The committee did not recommend a reduction for the Division of Continuing Studies, because it "is essential to any reasonable definition of the role and mission of a land-grant state university and . . . the need and demand for continuing education is already substantial and certain to increase."

Presently the state-aided budget for the college is \$1.6 million and tuition income is \$1.2 million.

Investment

"In fact," the committee wrote, "the state gets a substantial return on the \$434,658 it actually invests, and the university not only generates immense goodwill . . . but also recruits a number of students to other units as a result."

However, the committee recommended that the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education under continuing education be self-sufficient.

Neither the committee nor Roskens endorsed a recommendation by Regent Robert Koefoot that the UNL College of Architecture be cut.

Pleased with procedure

Two committee members said Monday afternoon they were pleased with the procedure and composition of the committee. However, both said they were frustrated by the amount of time they had to consider Roskens' proposals, listen to testimony, debate suggestions, review reports and formulate a well-reasoned report. "The whole attitude of the thing was pretty rushed," said Greg Parks, a student member.

Committee Chairman Frederick M. Link, professor of English, said ideally the budget-review process would consider every program within every college but "the time and effort would be simply staggering."

"I think the whole business is unfortunate," Link said. "The university deserves more support, not less."

Parks said the diversity of the committee allowed a "broader look" at the problem.

New dean reassesses Home Economics' mission

By Amy Edwards
 Staff Reporter

Students hampered because of less-frequent course offerings

Because of recent budget cuts, the Home Economics College has had to offer some courses less frequently, but faculty members remain optimistic that their college is strong and necessary for Nebraska.

Karen Craig, dean of the college, transferred to UNL from Purdue University last August. Craig has recently redone the mission statement of the college, which, she says, gives the college a new direction and puts it in a position to assess its priorities with the midyear budget cuts of the last three years.

Craig said one of the college's top

priorities has been to change the mission statement to reflect the needs of the family.

"We see ourselves as developing professionals who help out families," Craig said. "We don't feel depressed about the budget cuts because we are dealing with things related to people."

Julie Johnson, an assistant professor of consumer science and education, said the recent cuts have not affected the college's quality.

"Because we have a new dean and a new outlook, things are very positive in our department, Johnson said. "We have an encouraged attitude with a new direction."

The Home Economics College has four divisions — consumer science and education; human development; textiles, clothing and design; and human nutrition and food service management — with master's degrees in each department. There are 21 degree options. Craig said budget cuts in the Home Economics College are "not as obvious as some" because the college has not had to drop any programs.

Consumer science and education department chairwoman Gwendolyn Newkirk said students have to plan more carefully for their classes because courses are not offered as often. Newkirk said the college is offering courses

every other semester and will offer some courses only every other year next fall. No figures are available, however, on the number of courses that are being offered less often.

"The students are staying with the courses but are a little uneasy when trying to set up three- or four-year plans," Newkirk said. "They are always setting up long-range plans with uncertainty because there is no guarantee if a course will be offered or not."

Louise Wiebers, a junior human development and family major who transferred to UNL from Nebraska Wesleyan last semester, has had difficulty getting the classes she needs because

they are offered infrequently.

"It is a lot harder to get the classes you want," Wiebers said. "We don't know what is being offered."

Brenda Kimberly, a sophomore consumer science and education major, said the college took out one class in housing that she needed, but she was able to work around it.

"There are also two or three video classes that you can't work around because of the cuts in the number of classes offered," Kimberly said.

Johnson said the need for better planning affects the faculty through advising.

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